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In Re Patent Application Of: Applicant: Shau-Lin F. Chen

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Title: LAYERED SOX TOLERANT NOX TRAP CATALYSTS

AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME

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Examiner: Timothy Vanoy

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.115

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115 is being filed concurrently with applicants' Divisional Application Filing Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(B). Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and pass the above-identified application to issue.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as enclosed, are being deposited, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8, with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 25 of 2004.

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